

System Trades & Analyses

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GINA: Systems Approach to TPF



- **Generalized Information Network Analysis (GINA) methodology**
 - *A systems engineering and architecting methodology, based upon information network theory, that facilitates quantitative comparisons between viable architectures competing to satisfy a mission's needs*

- **Comprehensive Metric Set**
 - **Capability “Quality of Service” Metrics**
 - Isolation - ability to separate the desired signal from competing signals
 - Integrity - quality of signal characterized by noise or anomalies
 - Rate - throughput of the system
 - Availability - temporal and spatial variability of isolation, integrity & rate
 - **Evaluation Metrics**
 - Performance - productivity over mission lifetime in presence of failures
 - Cost per Function - mission efficiency: lifecycle cost per performance
 - **Adaptability - sensitivity analysis**

- **GINA derives these metrics from physics models**

GINA: TPF Metrics Capture



Rate

Integration Time

- Zodiacal Distribution
- Collecting Area
- Detector Noise
- Propulsion Profile

Isolation

Transmissivity & EE

- No. of Apertures
- Maximum Baseline
- Relative Geometry

Performance

Productivity

- Mean time to failure
- Mission Lifetime
- Rate times Availability

Availability

Operational Efficiency

- Calibration
- Retargeting (slews)
- Deployment Time
- Anomaly Recovery
- Alignment

Integrity

Signal-to-Noise

- Detector Noise
- Optical Bandpass
- Center Wavelength
- Mirror Surface Quality
- Aperture Diameter
- Thermal Noise
- Zodiacal Noise
- Glint

Cost

Lifecycle

- P/L - aperture diameter
- Bus - mass & power
- Launch - mass & orbit
- Ops - complexity & orbit
- Learning Curve
- Thermal Shield Develop.

GINA: TPF Metric Matrix

Trades Metrics	<i>Heliocentric Orbital Altitude (1 to 6 AU)</i>	<i>Aperture Maintenance (SCI vs. SSI)</i>	<i>Number of Apertures (4 to 12)</i>	<i>Size of Apertures (1 to 4 m)</i>
<i>Isolation (Angular Res.)</i>	N/A	SSI allows more freedom in baseline tuning	Fine tuning of transmissivity function	N/A
<i>Rate (Images/Life)</i>	Noise reductions increase rates; Operation delay changes	SSI power and propulsion requirements highly sensitive	Increased collecting area improves rate	Increased collecting area improves rate
<i>Integrity (SNR)</i>	Different local zodiacal emission and solar thermal flux	SCI: passive alignment but complex flexible dynamics	Tuning of transmissivity for exo-zodiacal suppression	Smaller FOV collects less local zodiacal noise
<i>Availability (Variability)</i>	N/A	Different safing complexity and operational events	Different calibration and capture complexity	N/A


Aperture


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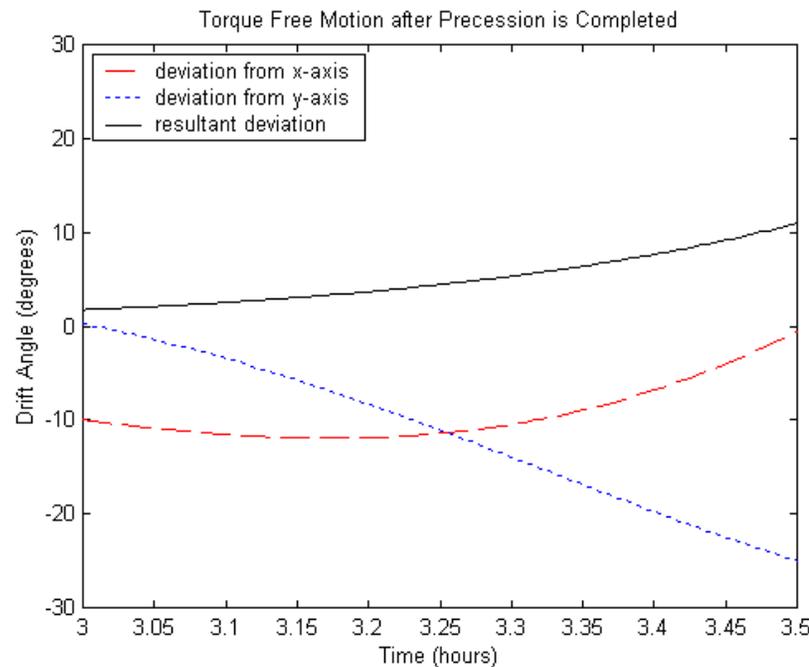
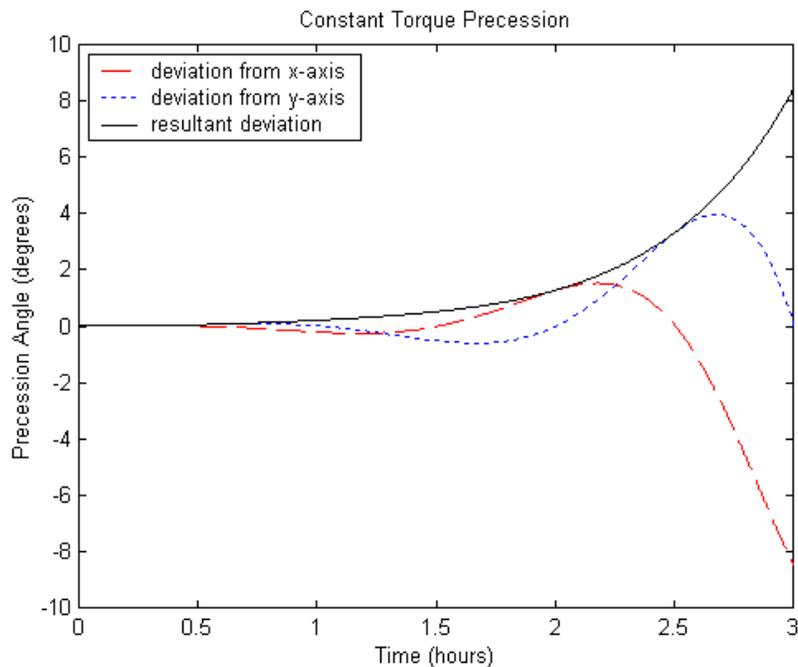

Operations


Controls


Environment


S/C Bus

Propulsion Models: Island 3

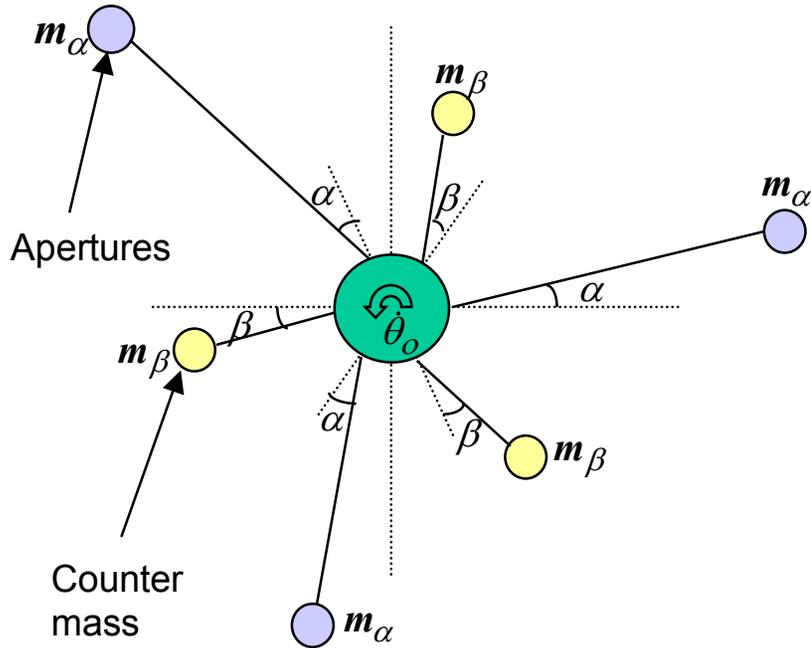


- To slow the constant torque precession down to the order of hours, a $M \sim \text{mN-m}$ to $\mu\text{N-m}$ is required.
 - $I = 300\text{k kg-m}^2$, $\omega = 1\text{rev} / 2\text{ hrs}$
 $M = 10 \mu\text{N-m}$ for 3 hours
 - $I = 750\text{k kg-m}^2$, $\omega = 1\text{rev} / 8\text{ hrs}$
 $M = 0.5 \text{mN-m}$ for 1 hours

- Moments are minimal (“not a excessive fuel burden”) and precession is not time limited easily within 6 hour noted in TPF book.
- Inadvertent precession and subsequent control may be the fuel driver for precession

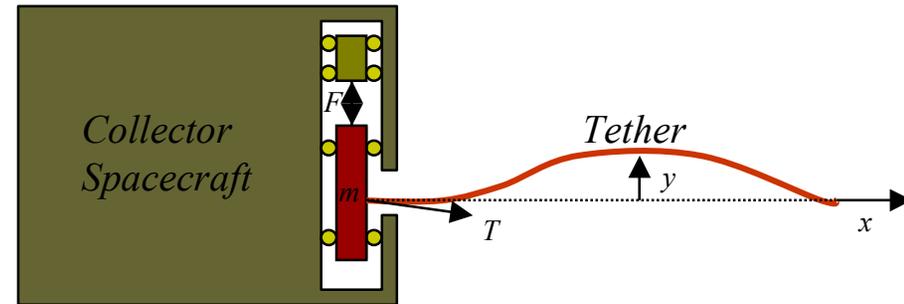
Tether System

Pendulum Mode



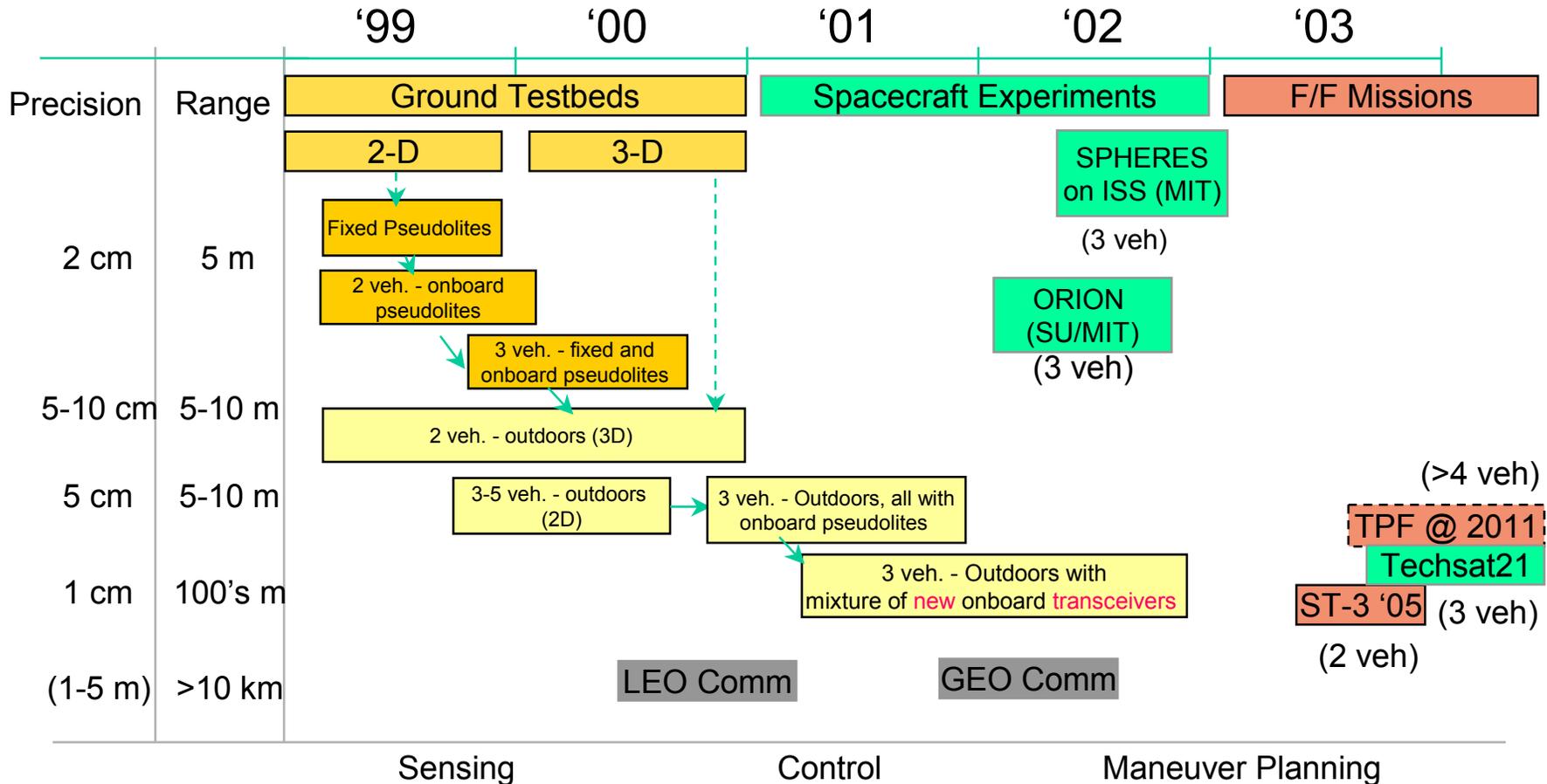
- The tether system dynamics may be linearized assuming constant hub rotation rate
- The linearized system is controllable when actuating hub torque and tether tension
- No propulsion on the apertures is necessary

Cable Vibration Mode



- Tether vibrations can disturb the stability of the optical train and therefore need to be controlled
- Tether vibration is fundamentally governed by the wave behavior of a string under tension
- One option for controlling tether vibration is impedance matching
 - Vibrations in the tether are absorbed by the matched termination
 - The collector spacecraft is undisturbed since the control force is generated by reacting against the extra mass

Formation Flying Roadmap



SPHERES - software maturation for close proximity formation flight, rendezvous and docking

ORION - demonstration of CDGPS relative navigation and formation flying control algorithms in LEO

Mature Technology on ISS



- ISS provides a laboratory in the space environment
 - Use as facility for maturing component technologies
 - Infrastructure ((up)downlink, video, crew operation, power, coarse pointing, etc.) is provided
- The MIT MACE facility (STS-67, STS-106 to ISS) is maturing system identification, multi-channel control, & slewing



- The SPHERES facility (ISS-9a in 5/02) matures formation flight and autonomous rendezvous



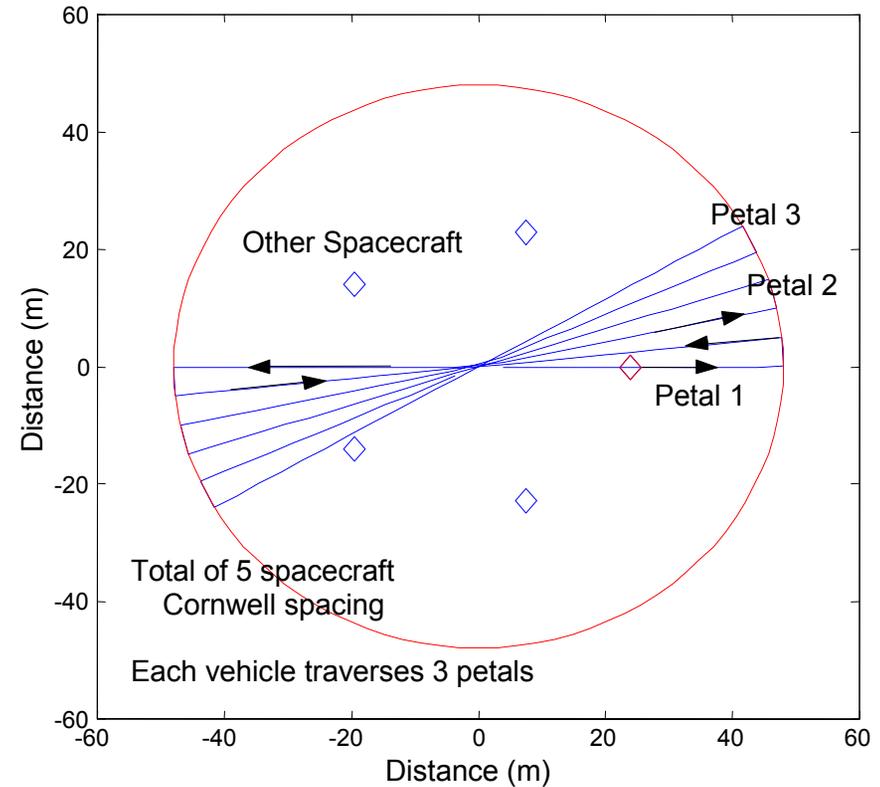
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- Benefit of space laboratories demonstrated by MIT's MODE & MACE having more reflights than first flights

SSI Imaging Approach



- Satellites arrayed in Cornwell pattern
 - 3 to 6 spacecraft
- Assumes “drift through” imaging
- “Petals” used to maximize length of rectilinear motion
 - *center ⇒ far edge ⇒ along far edge ⇒ back to center ⇒ near edge ⇒ along near edge ⇒ back to center*
 - *small turn & then start next petal.*
 - *ΔV only required to steer at edges and to change heading for next petal*

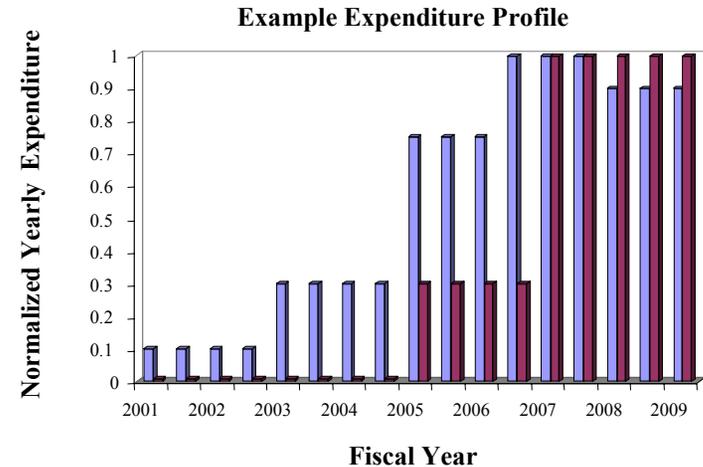


Example shows 3 petals for 1 of 5 spacecraft

Operational Concept: Staged Deployment



- Staged deployment of smaller structurally connected spacecraft
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- Advantages of staged deployment
 - *Start mission sooner since the technology is already available to affordably build and fly the first stage or precursor*
 - Precursor can collect useful scientific (i.e. narrowing down the search field for TPF candidate stars) and engineering (i.e. operating an interferometer at the eventual location of TPF) data
 - *Any science or engineering data from the precursor can drive subsequent upgrades to future segments*
 - *Cost is spread out and risk is reduced by using acquired experience to direct future expenditures*
 - *By end of staged deployment have the ability to do both imaging and detection of Jovian and Terrestrial planets*



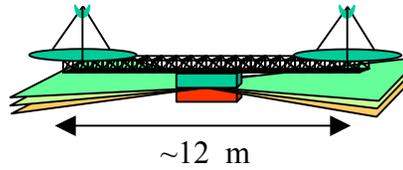
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Operational Variations: Staged Deployment

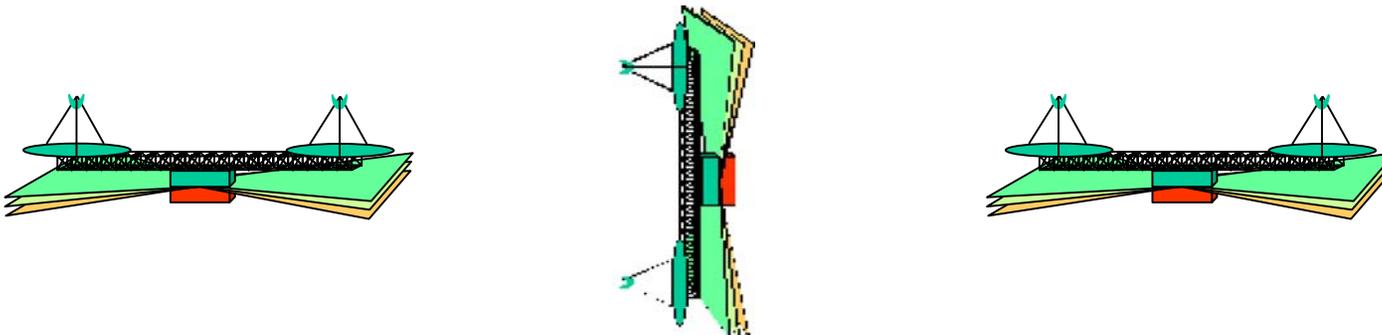
- Base segment (i.e. precursor)



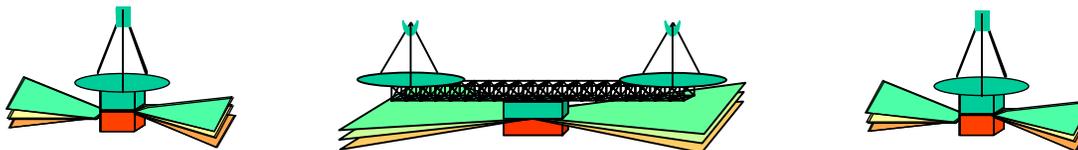
- Operational variations include, but are not limited to:



Staged deployment of identical modules



Addition of middle module to be used as a combiner/collector



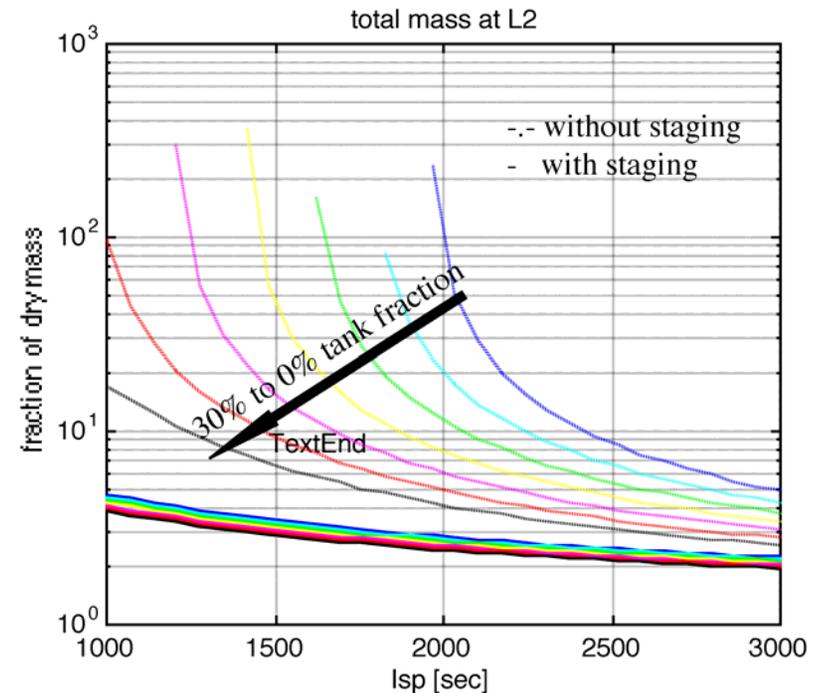
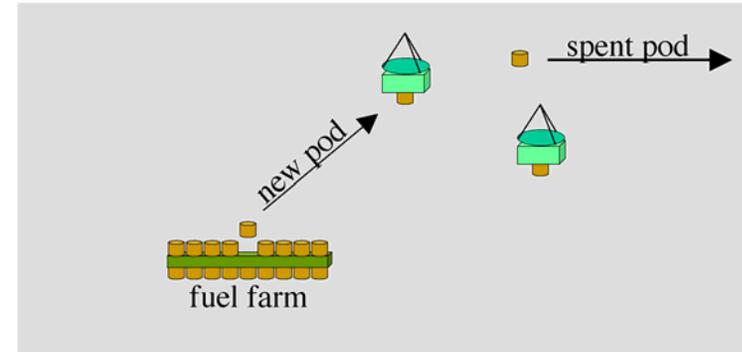
Identical components in each module

Planning for Staged Deployment

- Technological development needed
 - *Relative metrology between modules*
 - *Inter-module beam control*
- Planning for future interfaces
 - *Formation flight*
 - *Docking: Permanent docking or ability to both dock and undock modules*
 - *Electro-magnetic control*
- Precursor needs technology to interface with future modules that would not be used or needed in first stage of mission
- Reliability - precursor will begin to fail before other modules

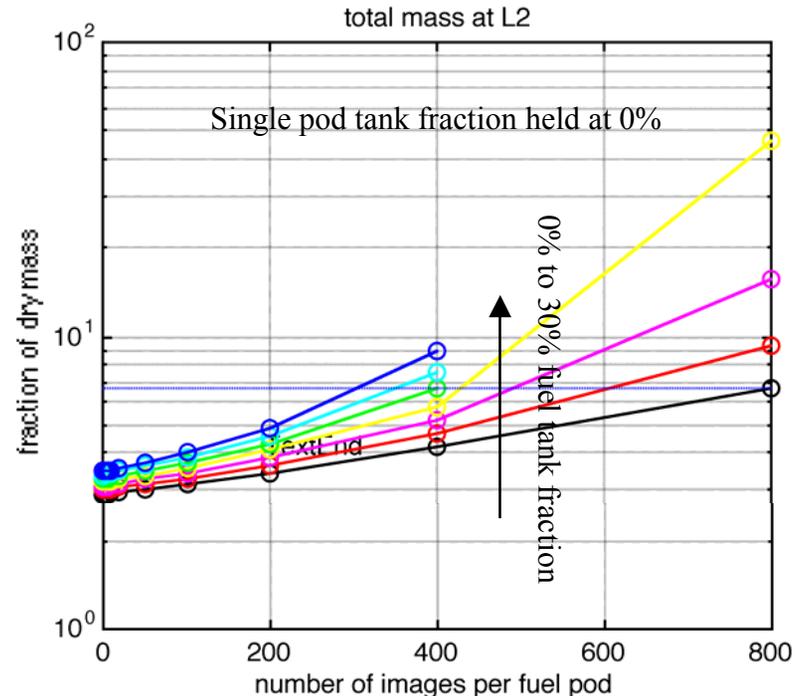
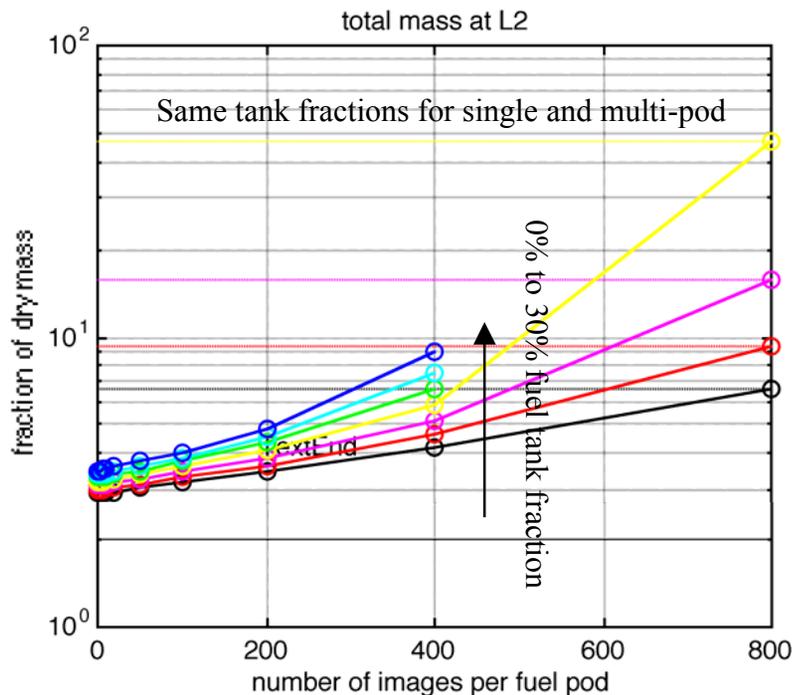
Fuel Replenishment: Imaging

- If replenish SSI fuel via auto docking (eg. Orbital Express), can reduce fuel required for imaging
- Illustration shows pod departing fuel farm to replace spent pod on S/C
- Plot shows ratio of total mass per S/C at operational orbit with and without staging
 - Total mass includes payload, bus, fuel tankage, and fuel
 - Staging results for one pod per image per spacecraft (eg. 800 pods)
 - Realistically, one pod should support several images
 - High I_{sp} will not support accels needed for one image per day
- Could also replenish cryostats



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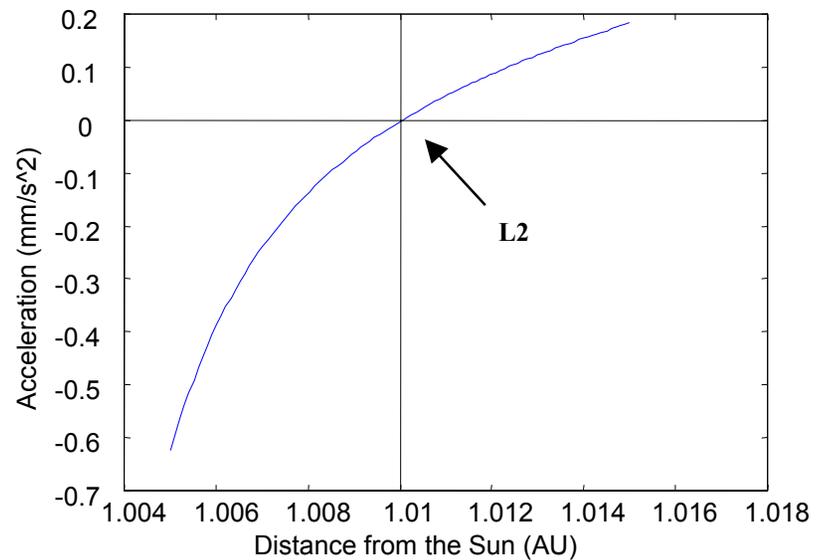
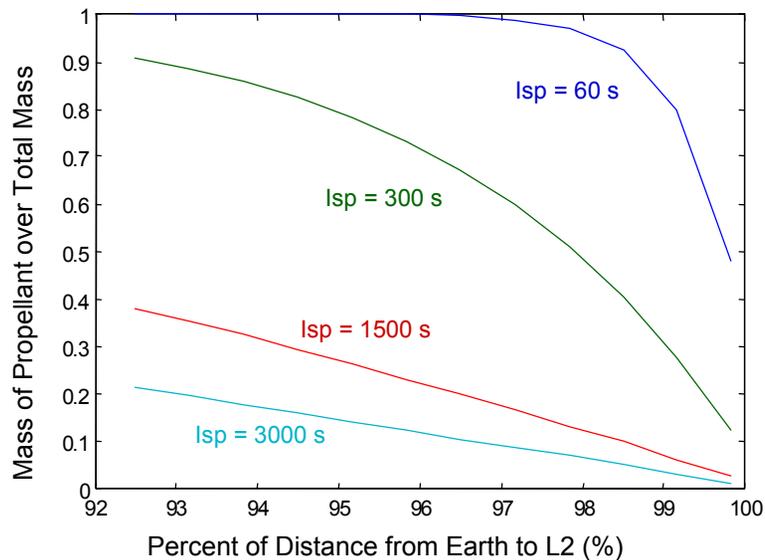
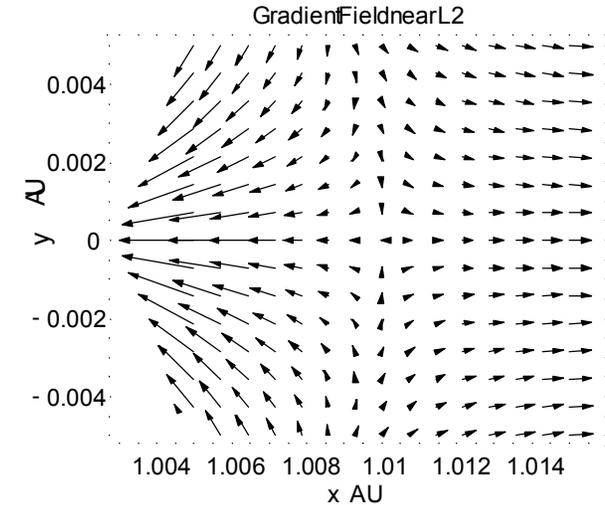
- Increasing number of images per fuel pod reduces mass savings
 - Assuming 800 images (0.88 images/day), $I_{sp}=1500$ sec, $B=825m$, full uv-coverage out to $B/2$, 4 apertures each 4m diameter, 40 transits, 0.44m/s, 35m/s/image
- High fuel tank fractions (>15% for $I_{sp}=1500$ sec) cannot use one pod
- Trade exists: 800 pods per S/C too complex, one fixed pod too massive
- Good compromise would be one pod for 100 images
 - Saves x2 to x5 in total mass, need 8 pods per S/C, 32 total



Earth to L2 trade: Orbit model



- Orbit model verifies the L2 instability, but doesn't consider halos.
- Accelerations are on the order of $1/100 \text{ mm/s}^2$ at 100% occultation, where solar pressure is on the order of $5/100 \mu\text{m/s}^2 \times a/M$.
- **3200 m/s required to go from LEO to halo orbit around L2**
 - **Only 250 m/s required to go from halo orbit around L2 to L2 itself**



Reliability Optimization (I)



- **Motivation:**
 - To determine at the conceptual design level how to improve the reliability of a system as complex as TPF most cost effectively.
- **Options:**
 - Improve the reliability of individual components/spacecraft
 - Add redundancy

Optimization Formulation

$$\text{Max } (1 - (1 - R_M)^M)(1 - (1 - R_L^4)^{\binom{L}{4}})$$

Subject to

$$MC_M + LC_L + X_{RM} + X_{RL} \leq B$$

$$M \geq 1$$

$$L \geq 2$$

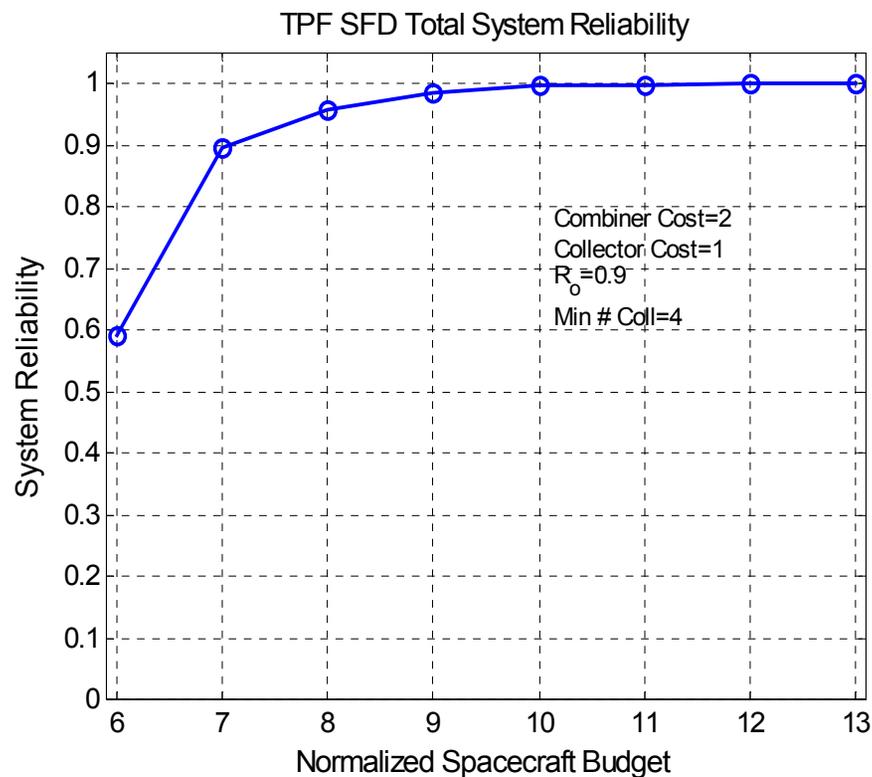
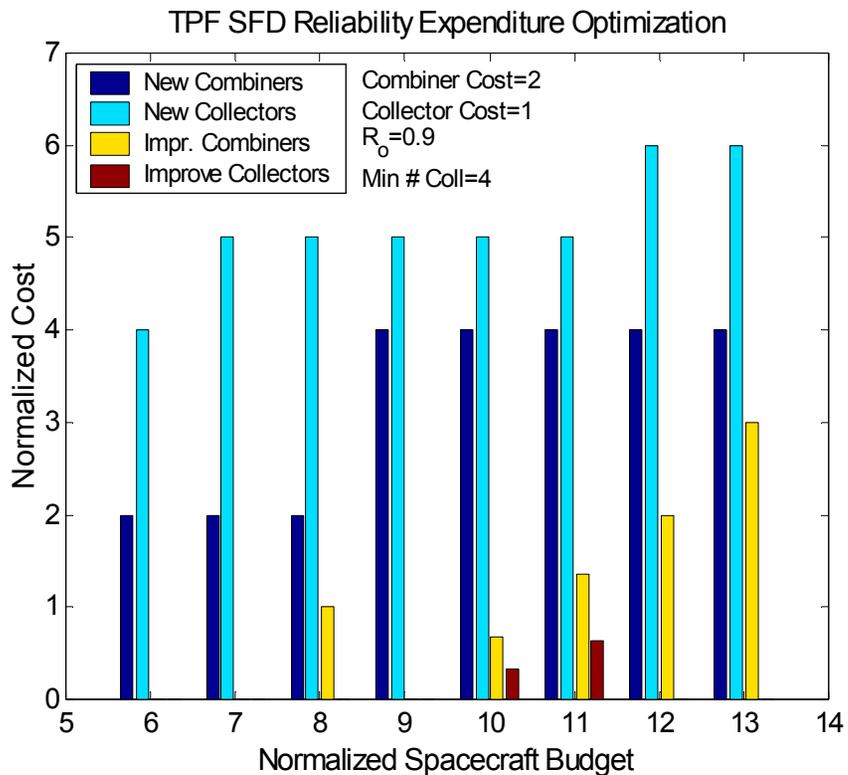
$$M, L \text{ integer}$$

$$X_{RM}, X_{RL} \geq 0$$

- $M =$ # combiner s/c in array
- $L =$ # collector s/c in array
- $X_{RM} =$ \$ spent on improving the combiner s/c reliability above it's baseline value
- $X_{RL} =$ \$ spent on improving the collector s/c reliability above it's baseline value
- $R_M =$ combiner s/c reliability
- $R_L =$ collector s/c reliability
- $C_M =$ combiner s/c cost
- $C_L =$ collector s/c cost
- $B =$ total s/c budget

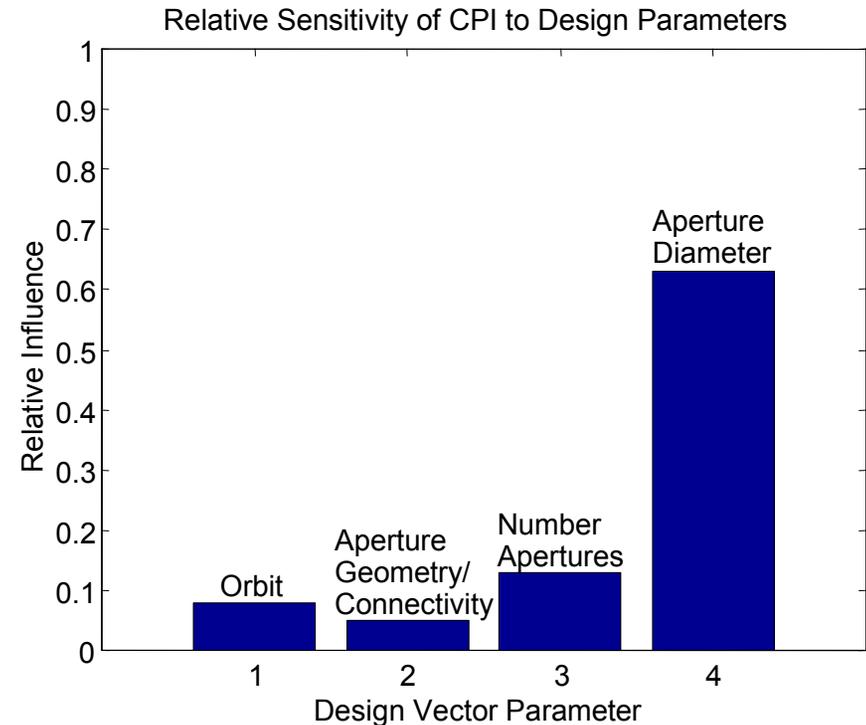
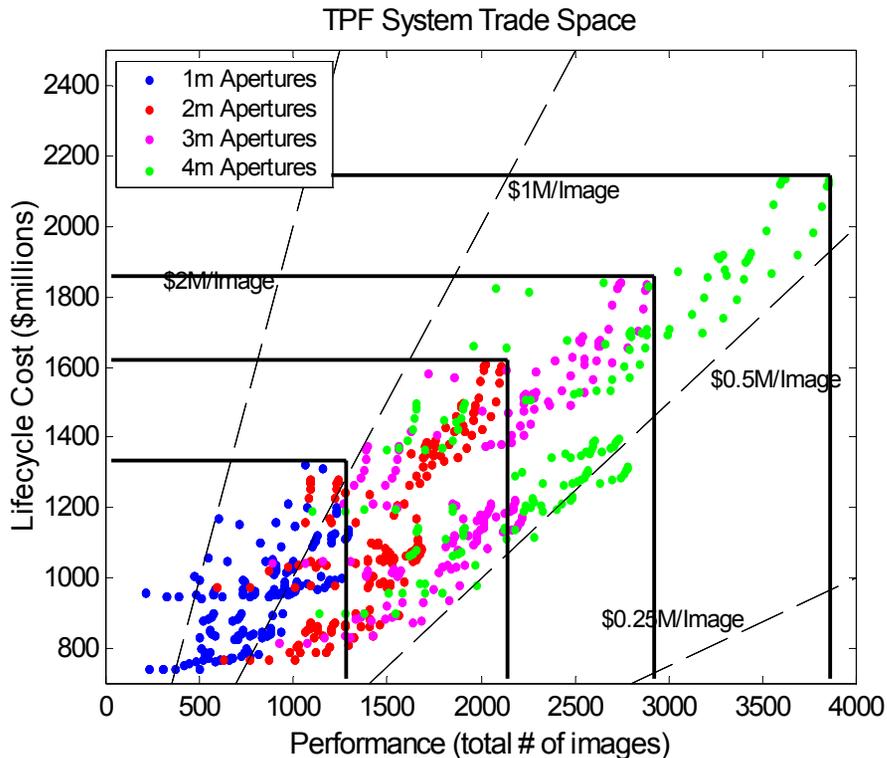
Reliability Optimization (II)

- Result: Tells the systems engineer where to invest limited resources to most positively benefit system reliability.



Cost vs Performance: ANOVA Results

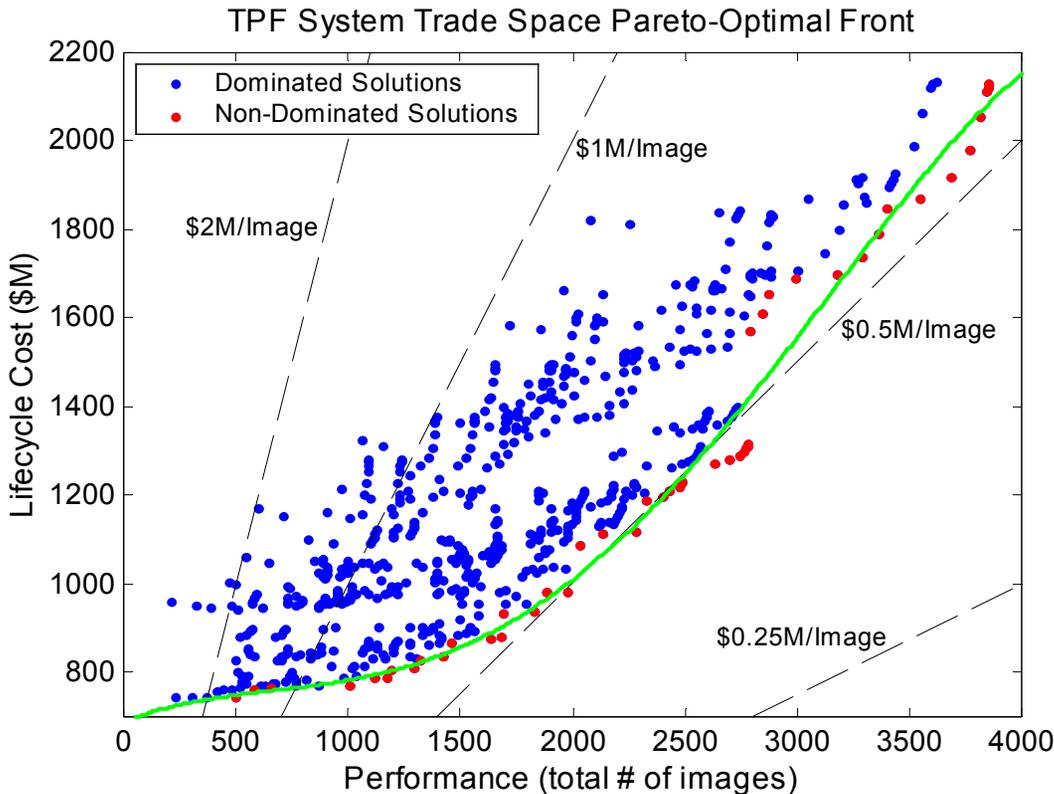
- Aperture diameter exerts by far the greatest influence on the Cost Per Image (CPI) metric for TPF.
- ANOVA may be applied to other design variables to yield insight into technology investment strategies and recommendations.



Cost vs Performance: Optimal Front



- True systems methods handles *trades*, not just a single metric. In real world systems engineering problems, one has to *balance* multiple requirements while simultaneously trying to achieve *multiple* goals.



Observations:

Along this boundary, the systems engineer cannot improve the performance of the design without also increasing lifecycle cost.

This boundary quantitatively captures the trades between the TPF design decision criteria.